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(Ireland.)

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To provide for the more equitable Assessment of Sums required to be raised off the several Counties in *Ireland*, in pursuance of Presentments by Grand Juries, or otherwise.

Note.—*The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Folios in the written Copy.*

1 WHEREAS it is highly necessary for the more equitable Assessment of the sums required to be raised off the several Counties in *Ireland*, in pursuance of Presentments of Grand Juries or otherwise, that accurate Surveys should be made of the several Counties in *Ireland*, and that the relative quality of the Land on which such Assessments are to be made, should be ascertained, in manner hereinafter mentioned;

Preamble; For the more equitable Assessment of Money presented by Grand Juries.

BE it therefore Enacted by The KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, THAT from and after the it shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and empowered, to nominate and appoint certain persons to take a survey of all the Lands in the several counties in *Ireland*, upon an uniform scale, and that such persons so appointed, not being more than in and for each county, shall before the assizes to be held for every county next after such their appointment, deliver or cause to be delivered to such Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors, or his or their
2 Chief Secretary, an Estimate of the expense of making such survey in each county respectively, upon such uniform scale as shall be directed by

Lord Lieutenant may appoint Persons to make Surveys,

who shall before Assizes deliver Estimates of the expenses of making the same.



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by such Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland.*

Such Estimate shall be laid before the Grand Jury, who shall present for the Amount thereof.

And be it further Enacted, That every such Estimate when approved of by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, certified by his or their Chief Secretary, shall be transmitted from the office of such Chief Secretary to the Secretary of the Grand Jury of each county respectively, and thereupon the Grand Jury of each such county shall, at the then next ensuing assizes, present the amount of such Estimate to be raised off the county at large, by such proportions and instalments, and at such times, as such Grand Jury shall in their discretion think proper.

Grand Jury shall appoint Valuers.

And be it further Enacted, That the Grand Jury of each county shall, at every assizes, nominate and appoint or more persons to be Valuers of all the lands within such county, and to accompany such Surveyors in the forming and making of such survey; and that such Surveyors so appointed as aforesaid, and also such Valuers, shall forthwith, before proceeding to make such survey, take the following oath before the Judge at such assizes:

Oath of Surveyors and Valuers.

"I, *A.B.* being appointed Surveyor [*or*, Valuer] of the lands
"in the county of do make oath, That I
"will justly truly and lawfully survey and class the same, 3
"without favour affection or malice, according to the true
"intent and meaning of an Act made in the
"year of the reign of King *George* the Third, intituled,
"[*here insert the title of this Act*]."

Surveyors and Valuers shall map and class the Lands in each Barony, Parish, and Townland.

And be it further Enacted, That the said Surveyors and Valuers shall proceed to make a survey and assessment of the lands in the several baronies and half baronies in each county respectively, and such Surveyors shall make separate maps of each barony, and shall distinguish the several parishes therein; and shall also make maps of each parish within such barony respectively, and shall in such maps of the parishes distinguish the several townlands or other divisions; and the maps of each barony and of the several parishes therein, shall be collected and bound together in one book; and such surveys shall be made according to such rules and directions as the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or his or their chief secretary, shall from time to time give and make for that purpose, to secure the uniformity of all such maps and surveys; and the said Surveyors together with the said Valuers, shall class and distinguish the several kinds of land in the said baronies or half baronies, parishes and townlands, into different kinds or degrees, distinguishing 4
the several relative qualities of each; and the number of acres of the several kinds degrees and relative qualities shall be distinguished on each

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each and every such map; and thereupon the said Surveyors and Valuers shall frame a table or scale of the rates per acre at which the several kinds or degrees of lands in each barony ought to be proportionably assessed towards the raising of such sums as by law shall be leviable thereon, by virtue of any Presentment of any Grand Jury or otherwise, according to the relative quality of such lands respectively; the best kind of such land being rated at the highest sum per acre, and the worst kind at the lowest sum per acre, and the other kinds in due proportion.

And shall make a Scale of the Rates per acre at which each kind of Land shall be rated

And be it further Enacted, That when the survey and maps of any barony, and the parishes and townlands therein, shall be completed, the same shall be signed by the Surveyors and Valuers by whom the same were made, and shall be transmitted to such office or place as the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* shall from time to time direct, there to be actually kept and provided, and to which the parishioners and inhabitants of the several baronies
5 parishes and townlands may have access; and the officer or person into whose care the same shall be delivered, shall forthwith, after the receipt of the same, transmit to the churchwardens of the several parishes a statement of the number of acres of the several kinds and degrees of land in each parish, and where the same are respectively situate, and the rates per acre at which each kind of land is to be rated or assessed; and such officer shall, if required, deliver to such churchwardens a copy of the map of each parish, and of all such particulars of such survey as shall be required for the applotting of such rates or assessments.

Surveyors shall deposit Maps in an Office to be appointed, and the Officer shall transmit Copies, &c. to Churchwardens of each Parish.

And be it further Enacted, That the parishioners of every parish in vestry assembled, shall from time to time when and so often as shall be requisite, appoint persons to be the applotters of all assessments to be made on such parish, of all sums required to be raised within such parish, under Presentments of Grand Juries or otherwise; and such applotters shall apportion the sums payable by the several occupiers of the several lands within such parishes respectively, according to the quality of each kind or degree of land which every such occupier may hold respectively in such parish, or
6 in any townland or division therein; and the said several occupiers shall be rated to and shall pay their proportion of all such assessments accordingly: Provided always, That in any cities towns or villages usually subject to the charge of county rates, such applotters shall apportion the sums payable by the several occupiers of houses, messuages and tenements within such cities towns and villages, according to the annual rent of their several tenements and not otherwise; and such occupiers shall be rated to, and shall pay their proportion of all such assessments accordingly.

Parishes shall appoint Applotters, who shall apportion all sums assessed among the Occupiers of the several sorts of Land.

In Towns, &c. according to the Rent of Tenements.



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No Applotment or Assessment to take place in any County, &c. wherein Assessments are regulated by Special Acts.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That no applotment or assessment shall take place under this Act, in any county of a city or county of a town wherein the assessments for raising money presented by Grand Juries or otherwise, or any apportionment thereof, are regulated by any special Act or Acts of Parliament; but that in each and every such county of a city, or county of a town, such assessments shall continue to be made and apportioned and collected under the authority of such special Act or Acts, any thing in this present Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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